



City of Longview

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Minutes

City Council

*Mayor Spencer Boudreau
Mayor Pro Tem Kalei LaFave
Council Member Ruth Kendall
Council Member Angie Wean
Council Member MaryAlice Wallis
Council Member Keith Young
Council Member Erik Halvorson*

Thursday, May 8, 2025

6:00 PM

2nd Floor, City Hall

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Boudreau called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. INVOCATION*/FLAG SALUTE

25-00339 ROSS KOLDITZ, CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

After the invocation provided by Ross Kolditz of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the flag salute was recited.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Boudreau, Mayor Pro Tem LaFave, Councilmember Kendall, Councilmember Wean, Councilmember Young, Councilmember Halvorson

Absent/Excused: Councilmember Wallis

Staff Present: Interim City Attorney Charlotte Archer, City Clerk Tiffany Ostreim, Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Chris Collins, Community & Economic Development Director Nick Little, Recreation Manager Justin Brown, Police Chief Robert Huhta, Fire Chief Brad Hannig, Information Technology Director Mike Sullivan, Finance Director Lisa Wolff

4. **WORKSHOP**

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

25-001188 APRIL 24, 2025 REGULAR MEETING

A motion was made by Councilmember Halvorson, seconded by Councilmember Wean, to approve the April 24, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Councilmember Young requested to move Resolutions 2555, 2556, 2557 and 2558 from the Consent Agenda and take up under Ordinances and Resolutions.

7. **PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS**

25-00403 PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL POPPY DAY - MAY 17, 2025; RECIPIENTS NOELLE HAMILTON & SANDIE ST. ONGE, LONGVIEW AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 155
Mayor Boudreau and Councilmember LaFave presented the proclamation to Noelle Hamilton and Sandie St. Onge, who accepted on behalf of Longview American Legion Auxiliary Unit 155.

25-00413 PROCLAMATION - MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH - MAY 2025; RECIPIENT DREW MCDANIEL, CEO, COLUMBIA WELLNESS
Mayor Boudreau noted Drew McDaniel, CEO, Columbia Wellness was not present. Mayor Boudreau read the proclamation.

25-00427 PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL POLICE WEEK MAY 11 - 17, 2025; RECIPIENT COWLITZ CHAPLAINCY
Mayor Boudreau and Councilmember LaFave presented the proclamation to members of the Cowlitz Chaplaincy.

25-00369 POST 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE FROM AMINA ABDALLA AND BRIAHNA MURRAY, STATE LOBBYISTS, GORDON THOMAS HONEYWELL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
*Amina Abdalla and Briahna Murray (on-line), State Lobbyists, Gordon Thomas Honeywell Government Relations presented.
Council discussed the presentation.*

8. **CONSTITUENTS' COMMENTS (Thirty Minutes)**

*Tracy Collier Williams provided public comment.
Ast. City Manager Chris Collins stated the timing of street lights will be looked at.
Jason Still provided public comment.
Clint Hash provided public comment.
Michael Pederson provided public comment.
Derek Fine provided public comment and a handout.*

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

25-00407 ORDINANCE NO. 3555 - AMENDMENTS TO MULTIPLE SECTIONS WITHIN CHAPTERS 16, 17, 18, AND 19 OF LMC REMOVING SPECIFIC FEE REFERENCES AND RESOLUTION NO. 2548 - TRANSFERRING FEE REFERENCES TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MASTER FEE SCHEDULE

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

HOLD PUBLIC HEARING AND MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 3555 AND RESOLUTION NO. 2548.

Community Development Director Nick Little presented. The hearing occurred March 13, 2025. Because of a hack at The Daily News, the legal notice did not run as scheduled. This hearing is to redo the process with the published notice as required.

The public hearing was opened at 7:05 p.m.

Jason Still spoke on the subject.

The public hearing was closed at 7:07 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilmember Halvorson, seconded by Councilmember Young, to adopt Ordinance No. 3555 and Resolution No. 2548. The motion carried unanimously.

10. BOARD & COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**11. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

25-00418 RESOLUTION NO. 2555 - INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR COLUMBIA THEATRE PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2555 APPROVING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE COLUMBIA THEATRE PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

A motion was made by Councilmember Halvorson, seconded by Councilmember Wean, to adopt Resolution No. 2555. The motion carried unanimously.

25-00384 RESOLUTION NO. 2556 - INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH COWLITZ COUNTY FOR ON-CALL BUILDING INSPECTION AND CODE REVIEW SERVICES

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2556, INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH COWLITZ COUNTY FOR ON-CALL BUILDING INSPECTION AND PLAN REVIEW SERVICES

A motion was made by Councilmember Halvorson, seconded by Councilmember Wean, to adopt Resolution No. 2556. The motion carried unanimously.

25-00385 RESOLUTION NO. 2557 - AMENDED AND RESTATED INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR LOWER COLUMBIA SWAT AND FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT MUTUAL AID BETWEEN CITY OF LONGVIEW, CITY OF KELSO, CITY OF CASTLE ROCK AND COWLITZ COUNTY

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2557 AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE AMENDED AND RESTATED INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Halvorson, seconded by Councilmember LaFave, to adopt Resolution No. 2557. The motion carried unanimously.

25-00426 RESOLUTION NO. 2558 - ADOPTING THE CWCOC REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN FOR THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2558 APPROVING ADOPTION OF CWCOC REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN FOR THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA

A motion was made by Councilmember Wean, seconded by Councilmember Kendall, to adopt Resolution No. 2558.

Public Works Director/Ast. City Manager Chris Collins explained this is a requirement to be able to apply for implementation grants. With this, will be able to apply for a federal implementation grant for Beech Street.

Jason Still provided public comment.

Council discussed the plan.

Director of Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments, Bill Fashing, stated the COG Board of Directors have already approved the vision zero statement. No penalties if we don't reach the goal. Intent is to do things different and better than traditionally done, to do everything we can to avoid fatalities on the road system. Nothing in the plan says the city must do certain things.

The motion carried unanimously.

12. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Boudreau provided a verbal report.

Public Works Director/Ast. City Manager Chris Collins noted Congresswoman Marie Gluesenkamp Perez did get a \$1.2 million earmark for the dedicated fill line project but it was not included in the federal budget.

13. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

Councilmember Halvorson requested an update on the Humane Society contract and timing of a RFP at the end of the contract period.

Councilmember Kendall provided a report.

Councilmember Wean provided a report.

Councilmember Halvorson requested information on free dump day.

Councilmember LaFave provided a report.

14. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Councilmember Halvorson, seconded by Councilmember Young, to approve the Consent Calendar as remainaing.

Jason Still provided public comment.

The motion carried unanimously.

25-001189 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

25-00416 PROJECT COMPLETION – DOWNTOWN TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADES

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ACCEPT AS COMPLETE THE DOWNTOWN TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADES

25-00417 PROJECT COMPLETION – MINT VALLEY RACQUET COMPLEX ROOF INSULATION AND VENTING

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ACCEPT AS COMPLETE THE MINT VALLEY RACQUET COMPLEX ROOF INSULATION AND VENTING PROJECT

- 25-00414 SET PUBLIC HEARING – 2026-2031 SIX YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND RIVERCITIES TRANSIT PROGRAM OF PROJECTS (POP)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO SET THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 12, 2025, AS THE DATE AND TIME FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2026-2031 SIX-YEAR TIP/POP

- 25-00421 SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR AMENDMENTS TO LONGVIEW MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTERS 19.67 SHORT SUBDIVISION AND 19.80 LONGVIEW SUBDIVISION CODES

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING JUNE 12th, 2025

- 25-00422 SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A NEW CHAPTER TO THE LONGVIEW MUNICIPAL CODE, TO BE KNOWN AS CHAPTER 19.25 MULTI-UNIT OVERLAY ZONE; AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP FOR A PORTION OF HIGHLANDS NEIGHBORHOOD FROM HIGH DENSITY TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL, AND ESTABLISHING THE R-1 ZONING DESIGNATION AS THE PERMANENT UNDERLYING ZONING DESIGNATION

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING JUNE 12th, 2025

15. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- 25-00430 COWLITZ TRIBE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT PLANNING CONCEPTS

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

COUNCIL CONCURRENCE ON THE BIKE LANE DESIGN AND LOCATION

Public Works Director/Ast. City Manager Chris Collins presented.

Council discussed the presentation.

The council was split three to three on the bike lane design and location. Would like more information from the Tribe on the bike lanes.

Public Works Director/Ast. City Manager Chris Collins will get more information from the Tribe and bring back to council.

A motion was made by Commissioner Halvorson, seconded by Councilmember LaFave to suspend the rules and allow public comment. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Halvorson, Councilmember LaFave

Abstained: Councilmember Young, Councilmember Wean, Councilmember Kendall, Mayor Boudreau

Jason Still provided public comment.

A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.

Public Works Director/Ast. City Manager Chris Collins explained bicycle lanes are placed strategically throughout the community to get people to major areas. Will reach out to the Tribe on their deadline.

- 25-00432 INTRODUCTION AND DISCUSSION OF SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING RATE CHANGES FOR SECOND HALF 2025 AND 2026

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

PROVIDE FEEDBACK AND DIRECTION; IDENTIFY AREAS WHERE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE DESIRED

Community Development Director Nick Little presented.

Public Works Director/Ast. City Manager Chris Collins explained Department of Ecology is implementing

*stricter requirements and Longview will not be exempt.
Council discussed the presentation.
A motion was made by Councilmember Young to hold a workshop.
Council discussed the motion.
Councilmember Young withdrew his motion.*

Public Works Director/Ast. City Manager Chris Collins stated items will be discussed at the next budget committee meeting and a refined presentation will be brought back to council with specifics of the state mandates and different options available.

25-00445 POLICE GRANT OPPORTUNITY DISCUSSION

*Police Chief Robert Huhta presented
Council discussed the presentation.*

A motion was made by Councilmember Young, seconded by Councilmember LaFave, to submit an application for the grant and City Manager authorizing letter of support, create a case manager job description, and start hiring process if awarded grant funding.

Jason Still provided public comment.

Police Chief Robert Huhta explained funding is for 1-year. Will have a transition plan and use existing BHU staff for those in the program to complete.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Young, Councilmember LaFave, Councilmember Wean, Councilmember Kendall, Mayor Boudreau

Abstained: Councilmember Halvorson

16. MISCELLANEOUS

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

*Tiffany Ostreim
City Clerk*

***Approved: _____
Mayor***

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

COUNCIL SUMMIT:

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025 -

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025 -